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1. [redacted] report concerning sociological conditions in the
Karelian Isthmus and commodity prices in Leningrad (N 59-55, E 30-15). 25X1

2. The three-page report speaks of an acute housing shortage in the Isthmus which has been thoroughly Russianized, states that a complete absence of any organized farming was observed, and lists the prices of 32 commodities sold in Leningrad in July 1956.

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Economic/PoliticalGeneral conditions in Karelian Isthmus.**SECRET**

1. Housing etc. The entire population of the Karelian Isthmus is now Russian. At TERI~~OKI~~^(N60-13, E24-46) there is only one former Finnish national. The dwellings and way of life are equally Russian in character.

2. There is an acute housing shortage, and any building at all suitable for living purposes has been pressed into service. Most of the new construction has taken place in the coastal area, though a considerable concentration of building construction was noted at TERI~~OKI~~^(N60-15, E24-36) and RAYVOLA^(N57-55, E30-45), a few brick buildings having been put up in the former. Some of the villas on the coast have been repaired, but most of them are in a very bad state.

Outbuildings, such as old cowsheds and barns, have been put into some kind of condition, and are being used as dwellings.

3. During the summer, there would appear to be about 20,000 inhabitants in the church village of TERI~~OKI~~, whereas earlier there were only some 5,000.

4. In TERI~~OKI~~ there are only 5 shops and 2 restaurants, one being at the MERIKYLPYLA^(N57-55, E30-45) (Marine Hydro), and the other at the railway station. The place is now a busy summer resort, visited by workers from LENINGRAD^(N57-55, E30-45) and elsewhere, who live in rest-homes and dwelling centres.

5. At RAYVOLA, there is a wide area devoted to a youth camp along the shore of RAYVOLA River, near the KIVENNAPA road. Several buildings have been put up here expressly for the youth camp.

(VYBORG)

6. There are very few habitations between RAYVOLA and VIIPURI^(N60-43, E28-44). No passenger traffic was observed at any of the stations. Most of the "through" passenger traffic is to and from LENINGRAD, and this increases very considerably during the summer.

7. Communications

Private cars are seldom in evidence, but ^(N60-13, E24-46) are often seen on the roads to LENINGRAD, INON^(N60-21, E23-36) KOVISTO^(N60-21, E23-36) and VIIPURI (VybORG)

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8. Agriculture

Observations made along the railway between VIIPURI and LENINGRAD showed that there is a complete absence of any organised farming. The fields are merely full of wild grass and the ditches overgrown with clumps of willow, etc. At PUHTOLA, some potato fields and other root crops were seen. There is a SOVHOZ at LINTULA, where there are about 100 cows. Goats are in evidence in the country districts.

9. Cultivation of grain-fields in the area is entirely non-existent.

10. Commodity prices in LENINGRAD (12.7.56)

	<u>Rbls.</u>	<u>Kopeks</u>
Rye bread, 400 gr.	1	35
White bread, 400 gr.	1	59
Butter, 1 kg.	27	50
Butter, better quality	28	50
Eggs, per each	1	20
Margarine, 100 gr.	1	48
Beef, (stewing) 1 Kg.	12	50
Pork, 1 Kg.	18	50
Baltic herrings, salted, 1 Kg.	3	90
Buckwheat, 1 kg.	4	90
Rice, 1 kg.	7	90
Macaroni, 1kg	3	90 to 5:50
Milk, per litre	2	35
Sugar, 1 kg.	9	40
New potatoes, 1 kg.	7	-
Cabbage, 1 kg.	4	-
Apples, 1 kg	20	- to 25:-
Cherries, 1 kg.	10	-
Citrus, each	2	75
Tomatoes, 1 kg.	25	-
Coffee, 200 gr. (best)	7	-
Potato flour, 1 kg.	15	-
Children's shoes, pair	(from)	26
Women's shoes, pair	"	52
Women's galoshes, pair	"	14
Women's wellingtons, rubber	"	87
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Silver articles, per gr. of silver	1	95

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Rbls.	Kopeks
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Radio set

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